

HCAP17039: NHS.NWM.015 Former Whittingham Hospital Landscape Maintenance and Cleansing Contract 2016 - 2019

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Q1 Annual Scrub Control Specification

Having looked through the requirements, we have noticed that while the pricing document contains an item for Annual Scrub Control (S1), there does not appear to be a corresponding specification. Could you please clarify your requirements for this item?

A S1: Annual Scrub Control

For the purposes of maintenance at this site scrub includes all stages from scattered bushes to closed canopy vegetation of native or non-native shrub, tree saplings brambles and perennial weeds (Dock, Thistles etc.), usually less than 3m tall.

The scrub shall be allowed to grow to the appropriate annual height of species present on the site and shall be cut once a year, usually in September as directed by the SO. The height of scrub cover shall not exceed 150mm after cutting. Arising's are to be chipped and left in situ.

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No Questions Received

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Q2 Insurance Requirements

Section 6: Additional Suitability Assessment, question A asks for a minimum of £10m public liability insurance cover and £5m professional indemnity insurance cover. What is the reason for the public liability insurance cover being at £10m? This seems to differ from most other public sector contracts we are involved with.

With the PI insurance, why is this being asked for and why at such a very high level? Looking at Section 4 Scope of Services within the tender document, there doesn't seem to be anything which would necessitate us providing professional advice with such a high PI requirement. We hold PI insurance but not to this level and having to increase our cover would represent a significant increase in our premium.

A Due to the nature of the works and the site the HCA requires £10m public liability insurance. If the organisation does not currently hold this level, a commitment from the organisation that this can be provided is sufficient at tendering stage. Should your organisation be the preferred Supplier then you will be required to increase your insurance in accordance with the requirement of the Contract.

The HCA can confirm that Professional Indemnity Insurance is not required for this Contract.

Q3 Contract Value

Please can you confirm that the indicative annual cost of £41,400 to £50,600 is per annum?

A The value stated above and as stated in the Contract Notice is the total three year value of the contract (initial 1 year term, plus additional +1 year and +1 year extensions)

Q4 Tender Return

Can the recent grounds maintenance tenders be returned via email to this address?

A The tender should not be returned by email. The tender should be returned in hard copy with a supporting digital copy to HCA Gateshead using the Tender Label provided.

Q5 Annual Scrub Control Specification

The specification for S1 – Annual Scrub Control does not appear to be included within the documentation.

A Please refer to Tender Clarification Q1.

04.08.2016

No Questions Received